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SUBJECT: VISIT OF VIET CONG DELEGATION

1. WE NOTE PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE ARRIVAL IN ROME APRIL 3 OF NGUYEN VAN HIEU THE HEAD OF THE PRG DELEGATION TO THE PARIS BILATERALS WITH THE GVN. HIEU AND TWO " ECONOMIC ADVISORS" WILL REPORTEDLY HOLD A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH ITALIAN POLITICIANS AND " DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS".

2. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO THE GOI AND TO THE VATICAN RESPECTIVELY OUR VIEW THAT THIS VISIT IS AN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO EMBARRASS PRESIDENT THIEU ON HIS VISIT TO ROME AND THAT THE RECEPTION OF THIS DELEGATION, AT ANY LEVEL, BY EITHER THE GOI OR THE VATICAN WOULD BE MOST UNDESIRABLE. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THE PRG MAY ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT THE " HUMANITARIAN AID ISSUE" FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, I. E., TO GAIN ADDED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION. THE PRG'S UNILATERAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF A PRG OBSERVER TO THE UN, IN THE
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